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SUBJECT: POMA KIDNAPPING - GOES REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE

REFS: (A) STATE 030032, (B) STATE 029001, (C) SAN
SALVADOR 0593, (D) SAN SALVADOR 0661

1. THE AMBASSADOR CARRIED OUT THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTELS
(A) AND (B) BY INFORMING THE POMA FAMILY, ON TWO OCCASIONS (2/10
TO THE FAMILY LAWYER AND 2/11 TO ROBERTO POMA'S
FATHER AND BROTHER), THAT THE USG COULD NOT ASSIST, NOR CONSIDER
ASSISTING, IN ANY INVESTIGATION
INVOLVING A NON-U.S. PRIVATE CITIZEN VICTIM OF
A KIDNAPPING OUTSIDE U.S. TERRITORY UNLESS AND UNTIL IT RECEIVED
A REQUEST FROM THE INTERESTED GOVERNMENT.
2. DURING CONVERSATION WITH LUIS POMA, ROBERTO'S FATHER, HE
MENTIONED THAT THE VICTIM'S SIX-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER WAS A U.S.
CITIZEN, BORN IN CALIFORNIA. HE ASKED IF THIS FACT COULD BE
TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING A USG RESPONSE
TO ANY GOES REQUEST FOR HELP.
3. ON 2/14 THE PRESIDENT, MINDEF AND FORMIN MET THE
AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS SEVERAL OTHER MATTERS (REPORTED SEPTELS).
THE PRESIDENT BROACHED THE POMA MATTER BY DESCRIBING GOES
INVOLVEMENT IN THE RELEASE OF TWO PRISONERS, HIS GOVERNMENT'S
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INCAPACITY TO INVESTIGATE BEYOND SALVADORAN
FRONTIERS, AND A SUGGESTION RECEIVED FROM LUIS POMA THAT
THE USG MIGHT LEND ASSISTANCE. PRESIDENT MOLINA SAID HIS GOVERNMENT
WOULD WELCOME AND APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE THE USG COULD
PROVIDE IN THIS MATTER.
4. COMMENT: GIVEN THE PROVEN CAPABILITIES AND INTERNATIONAL
CONNECTIONS OF THE ERP; THE PROMINENCE (PRESIDENT OF THE

SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT TOURIST AGENCY) AND AMERICAN CITIZEN
CONNECTION OF THE VICTIM; AND THE REQUEST FROM THE PRESIDENT
FOR ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE, THE EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS THAT THE USG RESPOND FAVORABLY AND INITIATE ACTION
ASAP. PLEASE ADVISE.
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